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SUBJECT: SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

REF: (A) USUN 3526, (B) SUVA 1724, (C) PORT MORESBY 1537

1. EMBOFF REVIEWED SPRFO ISSUES, INCLUDING POINTS
CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 6 REFTEL A, WITH APPROPRIATE MFA
DIVISION HEADS SEPTEMBER 11TH. POINTS IN PARA 6 WERE
ALSO COMMUNICATED TO WESTERN SAMOA THROUGH THE GOWS HIGH
COMMISSIONER IN WELLINGTON AND TO TONGA BY TELEGRAM.

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2. RESPONSE FROM GNZ OFFICIALS WAS THAT SOME AMENDMENTS
TO EXISTING SPRFO DRAFT HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED, BUT UNTIL
OUR REPRESENTATION, GNZ HAD EXPECTED THEY WOULD BE
COSMETIC. OFFICIALS APPRECIATED BEING ALERTED TO PROBABLE
FIJIAN MOVES. GNZ DELEGATION CAN BE COUNTED ON TO OPPOSE
SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO DRAFT TEXT, THEY SAID. AT SAME
TIME, GNZ DELEGATION WELL UNDERSTANDS FIJIAN AMBASSADOR

NANDAN'S POINT (PARA 4, REFTEL A) THAT "STONEWALLING" WILL BE COUNTER PRODUCTIVE. SOUTH PACIFIC DIVISION ACTING HEAD MADE POINT THAT FORUM HEADS OF GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY WHEN THEY CONVENE AS THE FORUM, LIKE TO CONSIDER THEMSELVES ARCHITECTS OF THEIR OWN DESTINY. USG SHOULD NOT EXPECT, THEREFORE, THAT GNZ DELEGATION-- OR FOR THAT MATTER MOST OF OTHER FORUM STATE DELEGATIONS -- WILL ADOPT THE ARBITRARY POSITION THAT, BECAUSE US, UK, NZ AND AUSTRALIA HAVE INDICATED APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT AS DRAFTED, THERE CAN BE NO CHANGES. HE EXPRESSED OPTIMISM, HOWEVER, THAT BY CAREFUL LISTENING AND COURTEOUS SUASION THE FORUM MEETING WILL CONCLUDE WITH A SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION.

3. ONLY COMMENT FROM WESTERN SAMOAN HIGH COMMISSIONER WAS THAT PRIMIN EFI HAD BEEN UNCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT HE WOULD ATTEND FORUM MEETING. KNOWLEDGE THAT RATU MARA MAY ATTEMPT SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES IN THE SPRFO DRAFT TEXT MAY BE "SUFFICIENT REASON" FOR EFI TO DECIDE TO PERSONALLY ATTEND, HE SAID.

4. NO RESPONSE FROM TONGA.

5. MFA OFFICIALS UNDERSTAND SOLOMONS WILL SUGGEST THE ADDITION OF A NEW ARTICLE, THE EFFECT OF WHICH WOULD BE THE CREATION OF A CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE RESTRICTED TO CONFIDENTIAL

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FORUM STATES. SOLOMONS HAVE ARTICULATED NO SPECIFIC PURPOSE FOR SUCH A GROUPING EXCEPT TO ACT AS A CAUCUS OF STATES HAVING AN IDENTIFIABLE COMMON INTEREST (GEOGRAPHIC).

6. THE FACT THAT NO ISLAND STATES HAVE FLATLY ASSERTED THEIR INTENTIONS TO SIGN THE DRAFT TREATY SHOULD BE NEITHER A COMFORT TO KOTOBALAVU (PARA 6, REFTEL B) NOR A SPECIAL CONCERN TO US. NO ONE HAS ASKED THE QUESTION. EMBASSY DOES KNOW, FOR INSTANCE, THAT COOKS AND WESTERN SAMOA CAN BE ADDED TO LIST OF THOSE PREPARED TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT AS DRAFTED.
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